



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 at 301 W. 2nd Street.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Joel Sher, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner August Harris, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner Richard DePalma, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Timothy Moore, Commissioner Christopher Bryan

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Wardaleen Belvin, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo

City Staff in Attendance:

Christine Maguire, Mona Sanchez, Erica Shamaly, Karen Jantsch, Economic Development Department; William Manno, Austin Special Events Office; Jessica King, Corporate Public Information Office; Chief Justin Newsom, Austin Police Department.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No citizens were signed up to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21ST, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes from the March 21st, 2018 regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Harris' motion and Commissioner Leham's second, on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Kanipe off dais.

4. MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT STREET PERFORMANCE PILOT PROGRAM

The Commission received a presentation from Karen Jantsch, Music Office, Economic Development Department.

No action was taken.

5. SPECIAL EVENTS ORDINANCE

The Commission received a presentation from Jessica King, Corporate Public and William Manno, Office of Special Events.

Commissioner Kanipe made a motion to support the Special Events Ordinance with Commissioner Sargent's second on a vote of 5-0 with Commissioner's Lehman and Meisenbach opposed.

6. POLICING DOWNTOWN

The Commission received a presentation from Chief Justin Newsom, Austin Police Department. No action was taken.

7. WORKING GROUP

A. CodeNEXT Working Group

The working group discussed a recommendation not to support the third draft of CodeNEXT a written.

B. Historic Commission Moontower Restoration Working Group

Ongoing discussions of Moontower placement

8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Chris Bryan reported that the Arts Commission is working on the joint Arts and Music Commission Recommendation for the 2018 Bond Package and the Venue Funding and Assistance Program.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- Staff reported that on the Boards and Commissions Participation in the FY 2018-19 Budget Process.

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Cesar Chavez Traffic Impact Analysis (mitigation of Mopac Toll Lane traffic)
- Waller Creek Park System
- Rainey Street Congestion
- i-Team Recommendations and outcomes of the public process
- Episcopal Church archive development
- DAA Visioning Plan
- Arts in Public Places in COA ROWs
- ACM Hensley; Homelessness Update

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 16th day of May, 2018 on Commissioner Harrison's motion and Commissioner Gomez' second on a vote of 6-0.

